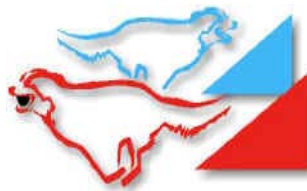


The British Flyball Association



Minutes of Committee Meeting No 1-2006/07 Held on Sunday 9th April 2006 at the Manor Hotel, Coventry Commencing at 10.00 am

Present: Chris Fulford, Penny Charlton, Wayne O' Rourke, Anne Johnson, Tony Cain, Howard Campbell, Judy Parker. Steve Leek arrived at 2.00pm

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (NO 2005/06-04)

Confirmed as a true record of proceeding.

2. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Chairman – Chris Fulford, Vice Chairman – Wayne O' Rourke.

Secretary - Penny Charlton agreed to continue in this position

Treasurer – Anne Alcock agreed to continue in this position

Show Secretary – Judy Parker agreed to continue in this position

Stats Officer – Lyndsay and Suzzanne agreed to continue in this position

Regional Representative Coordinator – Rachel Jones had been elected at the last meeting

Training Officer – Title to change to Training Coordinator with Peter Roberts taking this position

Membership Secretary – Graham Nye to continue in this position

Award Secretary – Sam Bawden has retired but no further candidate would be required at this time. The Committee would like to thank her for the work she has done in the past.

Publicity Officer – This to be advertised to see if a more suitable member could be found with experience in this field.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 History of the Association – Wayne has started to get some information and videos. This was discussed in detail with Nigel and a new site would be built on the web shortly.

3.2 Updates on Lights – One new set of lights are now ready for use at Carlton Towers at Easter. Dave arrived at 11.30 to demonstrate this set to the committee and he was also going to give them a thorough testing at his teams training session that afternoon. All looked good and seemed to work well. Once these have been tested thoroughly Bob Haworth to look after this first new set. Tony Cain from Cheshire Set to look after old Watchdog set and Dave will take charge of the next new set of Milstream lights. It was also discussed and clarified that all lights must be set up in the same manner with the first row of sensors that start the timing being set up on the start line and all starting lines to be set up three foot apart.

3.3 Head Judges Log Book – A few more minor changes to be made. A few applications have now been received. There will be three exam papers to be sent out when required with a selection of 25 different questions on each paper. A candidate would be giving 4 points per correct answer with a 75% pass rate to be achieved.

3.4 European Championships 2007 – This is now confirmed for 26/27/28th May 2007 at the Hop Farm, Paddock Wood Kent. This show would be hosted by the BFA but with Penny as Secretary the main organiser.

4. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDANCE

An email had been received from Robin Wilson following the AGM. A few items were discussed regarding the website and the awards.

5. SHOW SECRETARY REPORT

4.1 All up to date with sixty shows already been booked for this year.

4.2 After the AGM the new way of sending out schedules was discussed and Judy would come up with the new wording for the rulebook. All schedules will be downloaded from the website and not emailed to all team captains.

4.3 Division 8 format was discussed and it was agreed to delete this format from racing. It was also agreed that a division of 4 should be deleted and these round robin formats could only be used in extenuating circumstances with prior agreement from the show secretary.

6. FINANCES

6.1 A report had been received from Anne and read out in her absence. It was advised to leave committee mileage expenses at 15p a mile and monitor the price of petrol in the future, to be reviewed as and when necessary.

7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Total membership as of 8th April 2006 is 825, with a further potential of 506, Teams for schedules is now 91

8. MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING

8.1 Flyball Record – It was agreed to delete the lists of results to make room for other articles. All the results can be viewed on the website so it was felt it was unnecessary to publish them again.

8.2 It was discussed that it might be an idea for a few Tournament Organisers to send the Stats Officers a copy of their results from their shows by email to see if this would be a way of keeping the seed list up to date.

8.3 Nigel arrived at 2.00pm to discuss many issues regarding the website. It was confirmed the BFA do own the website.

8.4. Measuring hoops – Wayne to look into these at his work to see if we can get a standardised set of hoops as it appears some Tournament Organisers are making there own, and have not been checked by the BFA. He will look into the cost of new sets including the new 7" hoop that will now be required.

8.5 An email had been received from Ron Edge regarding the area representatives.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE AGM

9.1 Following the AGM regarding the use of netting in the run back area. It was agreed that this netting should start from the 25" line with a minimum gap of 4" to be applied at the end.

9.2 The new minimum jump height will become operative from the 1st October 2006.

9.3 The Consistency Award to be discussed at a later date.

9.4 The change to the points system was discussed in detail and it was agreed by the majority that this issue was of significant importance to send this to a postal ballot due to a low turn out at the AGM.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2006

Meeting closed at 5.50pm

Agreed as a true copy of events

Chairman Signature.....(BFA CHAIRMAN)